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SUBJ: LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE: INVITATIONS TO PRG AND GRUNK

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SUMMARY: FONMIN SEC GEN APPEARED GENUINELY UNAWARE OF POSSIBLE INVITATIONS TO PRG AND GRUNK TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE. DESPITE FACT GOT MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ONLY WITH GVN, HE WAS UNWILLING TAKE DEFINITE POSITION ON PRG INVITATION WITHOUT REPORT FROM TOGOLESE PERMREP. IN NEW YORK. ON OTHER HAND HE CATEGORICALLY SUPPORTED INVITATION TO GRUNK, WHICH GOT RECOGNIZES AS GOVT OF CAMBODIA.

1. ALTHOUGH I JUDGED FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE MOST APPROPRIATE TOGOLESE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM TO DISCUSS INVITATIONS TO LOS CONFERENCE, REFTELS ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR ME TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH HIM PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE MONDAY MORNING 12 NOV FOR PARIS,
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WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT EYADEMA AT SO-CALLED

ZONE FRANC SUMMIT MEETING.

2. I ACCORDINGLY SAW FONMIN SEC GEN SAVI DE TOVE SAME DAY. SINCE GOT MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GVN (EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NOT ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS OF GVN NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR WHO LIVES IN ABIDJAN - PRECISELY BECAUSE HE IS NON-RESIDENT), I RAISED PRG INVITATION FIRST. SAVI DE TOVE SAID GOT CONSIDERED GVN AS ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND HAD REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE PRG, DESPITE CONSIDERABLE "PRESSURE" (PRESUMABLY FROM PRC). DESPITE THIS HE WAS TOO CAUTIOUS TO TAKE A STAND ON QUESTION OF LOS INVITATION TO PRG, SAYING THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF PROBLEM AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO QUERY TOGOLESE PERMREP IN N.Y. WHEN I PRESSED HIM, HE INDICATED CONCERN THAT THERE MIGHT BE OAU POSITION OF WHICH HE WAS NOT INFORMED. BEST COMMITMENT I COULD GET FROM HIM WAS ABSTENTION, WHICH IS, OF COURSE NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I SHALL, HOWEVER, FOLLOW UP TO SEE IF HE WILL AGREE TO VOTE AGAINST INVITATION AFTER LEARNING FROM TOGO DEL, IF INDEED HE DOES, THAT THERE IS NO OAU POSITION. (I TOLD HIM I WAS SURE THERE WAS NOT.)

3. I THEN RAISED QUESTION OF GRUNK. SAVI DE TOVE WAS CATEGORICAL: GOT RECOGNIZES GRUNK AND NOT GRK AS GOVT OF CAMBODIA AND WILL THUS SUPPORT ITS INVITATION TO LOS CONFERENCE (AND PRESUMABLY TO BE REPRESENTED AT UNGA). WHEN I SAID THIS ARGUMENT OF LEGITIMACY SHOULD LOGICALLY MEAN TOGOLESE VOTE AGAINST INVITATION TO PRG, SAVI DE TOVE REPEATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED AS TO WHEN VOTE EXPECTED. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS, IN FACT, OAU POSITION ON PRG AND WHAT TOGOLESE DEL IS SAYING TO USUN ABOUT ISSUE.
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